

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-17 are pending in this application. Claims 8-10 and 12-17 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5 and 6 are amended and claim 4 is canceled.

I. The Drawings Satisfy Formal Requirements

The Examiner objects to the drawings for not having appropriate descriptive manner. Applicants respectfully disagree. Specifically, the characters as set forth in Figures 2, 3 and 12 are described throughout the specification in various locations. Additionally, characters 200, 300, 404 and 602 in Figure 8 are disclosed at least on page 40 of the specification. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings include reference characters that are sufficiently described in the specification. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by "a design of multimedia collaboration system for seminar type collaborate learning" by Kimura et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest a data control unit that stores the data while managing the data in units of data associated with respective data supply apparatuses into a storage unit in which particular presentation data is stored. The control unit also reads the data including at least a part of the supplied-data and the presentation data from the storage unit in accordance with a reproduction command indicating reproduction in units of data associated with the processing apparatus. A reproduction unit then reproduces the meeting data, as claimed in claim 1.

Instead, Kimura discloses a multi-media collaboration system in which a presenter designs a specific presentation as a sequence of multi-media presentation sheets. The sheets

can have text, graphic displays and movie data. The presentation sheets are preserved in a server in advance and can be transferred to other computers during the presentation. The communication interface section receives the presentation data and the presentation data is generated. Kimura also discloses a conversion unit which allows integration of the presentation to the various participants' computers.

Accordingly, the applied art does not disclose the features recited in claim 1.

Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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